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Applicants: Richard J. Bucala et al.

Serial No.: 08/243,342

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For: INHIBITION OF MIGRATION INHIBITORY FACTOR IN THE TREATMENT OF DISEASES INVOLVING CYTOKINE-MEDIATED TOXICITY

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AMENDMENT A

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated 07 March 1997 for the above-identified patent application. Kindly extend the time for response one month, up to and including 07 July 1997. A Request for a One Month Extension of time and the required fee in enclosed. Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 line 4, please insert — This patent application is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application 08/063,399 filed 17 May 1993, now abandoned.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

63. (Amended) A method for treating a condition involving cytokine-mediated toxicity comprising administering to an individual having the condition an effective amount of an agent capable of specifically inhibiting MIF gene expression, wherein the agent capable of specifically inhibiting MIF gene expression is an antisense or ribozyme molecule complementary to a MIF mRNA, or a triple helix that prevents transcription of the MIF gene.

Kindly cancel claim 64 to prevent redundancy.